

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 9, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 32-35, 38, 42, 43, 45 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent application of Heinz, et al. in view of the patent to Takahashi, et al.

Claims 21, 22, 25, 26, 41 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Heinz, et al. and Takahashi, et al. and further in view of the patent to Kopang.

Claims 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Heinz, et al. and Takahashi, et al., and further in view of the patent to Fisher.

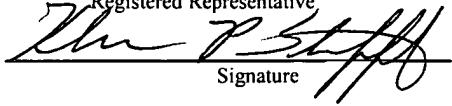
Claims 36, 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Heinz, et al. and Takahashi, et al., and further in view of WO00/37738 to Baranda, et al.

Finally, it is noted that claims 30, 31 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the Examiner's objections to the claims, applicant has amended claim 19 to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 30. Also, claims 31 and 40 have been rewritten in independent form. All of the remaining claims have been cancelled. In view of the present amendments to the claims, applicant submits that the rejections over the prior art are overcome and the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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